

REMARKS

In accordance with the amendments made according to Article 34 of the PCT in the International Phase of this application, claims 2 and 3 of the present application are cancelled, and claim 19 is amended to read “0.5 m²/g” instead of “0.4 m²/g” and to read “1 to 50 microns” instead of “1 to 25 microns”. Claims 23 and 24 have been amended to claim methods as opposed to “uses”.

Claims 10 – 17 are amended to remove “said”. New claims 25-64 have been added to the present application in order to preserve rights under 35 USC 135(b)(2) to claim the same or substantially the same subject matter included in the claims of the Yeates et al U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2006/0009647 (hereinafter “the Yeates ‘647 publication”), which issued on January 12, 2006.

Newly added claims 25-45 are identically copied from claims of the Yeates ‘647 publication, and newly added claims 46-64 are substantially copied from claims of the Yeates ‘647 publication.

A set of claims copying and substantially copying claims of the Yeates ‘647 publication is also being added concurrently herewith to copending U.S. Application Serial No. 10/567,178, filed June 2, 2004, as PCT/US04/017103, which is commonly assigned to applicants’ assignee.

Another set of claims copying and substantially copying claims of the Yeates ‘647 publication is also being added concurrently herewith to copending U.S. Application Serial No. 10/567,177, filed June 2, 2004, as PCT/US04/017102, which is commonly assigned to applicants’ assignee.

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